GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1550
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2007
KILLING OF HINDUS IN J & K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Hindus have been killed during the last three years in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the lives of Hindus in J&K and the details of financial assistance provided in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1550 FOR 27.11.2007 REGARDING KILLING OF HINDUS IN J&K

(a) to (c): 557, 389 and 139 civilians were killed in terrorist violence in Jammu & Kashmir in the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 (till October) respectively. This also includes some members of the Hindu community.

A number of measures have been taken to contain and check terrorist violence in the State, which include vigilance and patrolling on the borders and the LoC to prevent infiltration, deployment of the Security Forces and police in vulnerable areas in the hinterland, and sustained operations by the Security Forces against the terrorist groups and elements. As a result of the various measures taken, the overall level of violence in the State has come down significantly as is also evident from the figures of civilian casualties mentioned above. Together with the various other security arrangements made in the State, pickets of the Security Forces have been deployed/established in the villages/clusters inhabited by the minority community, Village Defence Committees have been established in far-flung habitations and frequent patrolling is being done in such areas by the Security Forces with a view to providing security and protection.